

**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP ON
JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION**

*****PLEASE NOTE THAT INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS MAY NOT BE CONSIDERED.***
INFORMATION IS REQUESTED TO COMPLY WITH STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS
FOR COMMISSION MEMBERS.**

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1. Indicate your present employment.
Attorney with the Knoxville law firm of Egerton, McAfee, Armistead & Davis, P.C. since approximately January 1, 2001.
2.
 - a. If you are an attorney, state the year you were licensed to practice law in Tennessee and provide your BPR Number.
Tennessee BPR #021145, licensed in 2001.
 - b. If you are an attorney, identify your primary subject area(s) of practice, present and past.
My current practice is in the area of general civil litigation, ranging from business and commercial litigation matters to estate litigation and beyond. Prior to 2001, the primary focus of my practice was plaintiffs personal injury and medical negligence.
3. Please indicate the amount of time that you have been a citizen of the state of Tennessee.
I have been a citizen of the state of Tennessee since 2000.
4. List the county or counties in which you have resided in the past year.
I have resided in Knox County since 2000.
5. Are you a salaried office holder of the State of Tennessee or the United States?
☐ Yes ☒ No
6. If your response to question 5 was yes, are you a member of the national guard, member of any armed forces reserve organization, district attorney general or employee of a district attorney general, district public defender or employee of a district public defender?
☐ Yes ☐ No
7. Have you ever pled guilty or been convicted or are you now on diversion for violation of any law, regulation or ordinance? Give date, court, charge and disposition.
None other than minor traffic violations.
8. To your knowledge, are you now under federal, state or local investigation for possible violation of a criminal statute or disciplinary rule? If so, give details.
No.

9. Please explain why you would like to serve on the Judicial Nominating Commission and why you would be an effective member. (300 words or less)

Please see attached page.

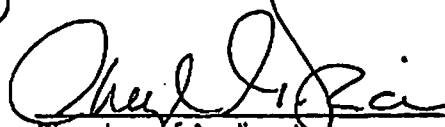
10. The Lieutenant Governor (Speaker of the Senate) and the Speaker of the House both have appointments to the Judicial Nominating Commission. Please indicate to which office you would like your application to be sent for consideration.

- ☐ Lieutenant Governor
- ☒ Speaker of the House
- ☐ Both Lieutenant Governor and Speaker of the House

11. I certify that all information contained in this application is correct.

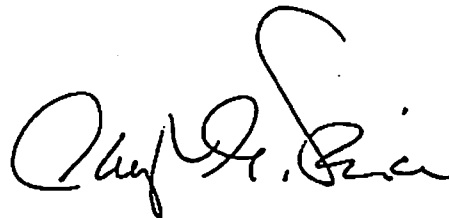
- ☒ I am not employed as a lobbyist.
- ☒ I am not an employer of a lobbyist.
- ☒ I do not hold office in any political party or political organization.

Dated this the 18th day of May, 2011.


Signature of Applicant

I would be honored to serve as a member of the Tennessee Judicial Nominating Commission because I believe it is imperative that Tennessee have well qualified judges and justices committed to administering fair, impartial and efficient justice at the trial and appellate levels in order for Tennessee and Tennesseans to prosper. Tennessee's judicial system plays a critical role in our society as it directly or indirectly affects the personal and commercial lives of every citizen of this state. To paraphrase Daniel Webster, where there is justice, there is a foundation for security, happiness, and the improvement and progress of our society.

I believe the broad experience I have gained over the last 19 years has given me the judgment and understanding to be an effective member of the Commission. During this time, I have appeared before judges in Tennessee, Virginia, the District of Columbia and a number of other states handling litigation of many diverse matters ranging from representation of individuals in personal injury claims to serving as counsel to large corporations in commercial disputes. This experience has afforded me the opportunity to observe a variety of judicial styles and personalities and how they affect the lives and livelihoods of the businesses and individuals over whose matters they preside. It is my desire to see Tennessee's judiciary remain strong, talented, diverse and respected by all who come into contact with it. I am willing to give of my time, energy and talents to serve this cause for the benefit of current and future Tennesseans. For these reasons I would like to serve and believe I can be an effective member of Tennessee's Judicial Nominating Commission.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ray H. Rich". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping initial "R" and "H".